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## Friday Night Insight Programs Southeast Alaska Discovery Center April 2003 Programs

Every Friday from 7 to 8 PM we offer free audiovisual and speaker programs in our theater. We invite you to join us for education and entertainment about Alaska's ecosystems, wildlife, natural resources, public lands and Native cultures.

**April 11: Silver Work of the Northwest Coast, Past and Present** - Noted carver, instructor and author **Steve Brown** will talk about how Northwest Coast engraved jewelry has gained popularity as artists began to use 19th century coins as a medium. The coins were formed into bracelets and rings, and decorated by carving Northwest Coast designs into the metal. Brown is in town to teach Northwest Coast Silver Engraving I and History of Northwest Coast Art at the Totem Heritage Center. He is the author of "Native Visions: Evolution in Northwest Coast Art from the 18th through the 20th Century." Co-sponsored by the Totem Heritage Center.

**Special Program Tuesday April 15, 7:00 PM Town Hall Meeting with your National Weather Service-** Meteorologists **Tom Ainsworth** and **Chris Maier** will be presenting some of the latest weather forecasting technology. Advances in NOAA Weather Radio coverage, new marine weather data buoys, and graphical forecasts on the Internet are a few examples. Some of the challenges of weather forecasting in the Southern Panhandle and our efforts to partner with Environment Canada in the Dixon Entrance and Portland Canal regions will also be discussed.

**April 18: Photographing Nature with a small Digital Camera** - **Bob Armstrong** will present a slide show and discussion about the techniques and advantages of using the "prosumer" type digital cameras for nature photography. His main emphasis will be on "digiscoping" -- attaching a digital camera to a spotting scope for long distance photos of birds and mammals and on using these cameras for close-ups of insects and flowers. He will also present information on how to achieve the best quality photographs from these cameras and their marketability. Co-sponsored by the Alaska Hummingbird Festival

**April 25: The Emerald Sea ñ Alaska Water life ñ** Diver and underwater photographer **Stacey Schulz** will present a slide show of underwater creatures and treasures.

**May 2: Bear Skinning, Fleshing and Meat Care Clinic** - Wildlife Biologist **Boyd Porter** along with several volunteers will show how to properly skin and flesh a black bear from start to finish. They will demonstrate the appropriate cut lines for rug or wall mounts and also quartering, boning, and field care of meat. They will also discuss shot placement and appropriate rifle caliber. Co-sponsored by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.



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